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Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF DECISION REGARDING NOTIFICATION OF ERROR IN PAYMENT OF FEE(S) AS A SMALL ENTITY (37 C.F.R. §1.28(c))

This is a request for reconsideration of a decision in a Notice dated July 18, 2011, 1. regarding non-acceptance of a prior deficiency submission made on May 25, 2011, under 37 C.F.R. 1.28. This prior deficiency submission was entitled "NOTIFICATION OF ERROR IN PAYMENT OF FEE(S) AS A SMALL ENTITY (37 C.F.R. §1.28(c))" and is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

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2. Patent Owner respectfully requests reconsideration of the prior deficiency submission in Exhibit A.

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- 3. In the alternative, the prior deficiency submission in Exhibit A is hereby supplemented to replace original paragraph 4 with the following amended paragraph 4. The "Filing Date of Original Paper" for the "7.5 yr. Maintenance Fee" payment was indicated as "8/25/2005" in the prior deficiency submission. However, Patent Owner paid the "7.5 yr Maintenance Fee" on 11/22/2007. Amended paragraph 4 reflects the actual date of payment, i.e. 11/22/2007 with underlining and with the 8/25/2005 stricken out. No other amendments have been made to paragraph 4.
- 4. (Amended) Itemization of the Fee(s) Erroneously Paid as a Small Entity

Filing Date of Original Paper	Type of Fee Paid	Column A Current Fee as a large entity	Column B Amount originally paid	Deficiency Owed (based on current fee amount) Col. A minus Col. B)
11/6/2003	3.5 yr. Maintenance Fee	\$980	\$455	\$525
11/22/2007 8/25/2005	7.5 yr. Maintenance Fee	\$2480	\$1180	\$1300
TOTAL				\$1825

In view of the payment of this deficiency per 37 C.F.R. §1.28(c) as set out in Exhibit A, or alternatively as set out above, Patent Owner respectfully requests that the USPTO correct the file to indicate large entity status, and that the erroneous establishment of small entity status be excused.

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If any additional fees are necessary to complete this communication, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

Respectfully submitted, WOOD, HERRON & EVANS, L.L.P.

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